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Mr. Robert Bartley
The Editor
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
22 Cortlandt Street
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Dear Mr. Bartley:

Mr. Fialka's article in the 5 November edition of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL claims that the CIA made public information from Mr. Yurchenko concerning Edward Howard and leaked information about the disappearance of Nicholas Shadrin. These statements are falsehoods and are resented deeply by the Central Intelligence Agency. The CIA has made no information public concerning Mr. Yurchenko. Moreover, it is forbidden by Presidential Executive Order 12333 from propagandizing or attempting to influence the American public. We adhere to this restriction. The unfortunate leaks of Mr. Yurchenko's information to the media have come from sources other than the Agency as virtually all journalists in Washington other than your reporter know. These leaks are currently under investigation.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George F. Lauder".

George F. Lauder
Director, Public Affairs

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